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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN RELATIONS WITH OLADE

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM SOURCE IN MINISTRY OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH LATIN AMERICAN ENERGY ORGANIZATION (OLADE) HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM MINISTRY OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS TO NEW MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO. A KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL OF MINISTRY OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS, JULIO CESAR GIL, HAS BEEN EITHER TRANSFERRED OR DETAILED TO ADVISE NEW MINISTER ON OLADE AFFAIRS. SOURCE BELIEVES, BUT IS NOT CERTAIN, THAT NEW MINISTRY WILL ALSO RELIEVE HYDROCARBONS MINISTRY OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTAIN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MATTERS INVOLVING PETROLEUM SUCH AS SPECIAL FUNDS AND OTHER VARIOUS SCHEMES TO HELP OIL IMPORTING NATIONS MEET THEIR RISING OIL BILLS.

2. PRESS REPORTS FROM ECUADOR STATE THAT VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR HAVE ASKED THAT NEXT MEETING OF OLADE, SCHEDULED FOR END OF MONTH

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IN BUENOS AIRES, BE POSTPONED. NEW VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT

SHOWN SAME ENTHUSIASM FOR OLADE AS ITS PREDECESSOR, AT WHOSE
INSTIGATION ORGANIZATION WAS CREATED, AND IT MAY VERY WELL BE THAT
VENEZUELA WISHES TO AVOID AN OLADE MEETING AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME
WHEN IT MIGHT BECOME A FOR A FOR LATIN AMERICAN OIL IMPORTING
NATIONS TO PUT PRESSUR ON OIL EXPORTING NATIONS FOR LOWER PRICES.
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